

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

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YEAR 12 PARENTS' EVENING THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2018, 4.30 - 6.30PM

On Thursday 6th December there will be a consultation evening for Year 12 parents.

We request that parents limit conversation to a maximum of five minutes with each member of staff. If you feel that you need to have a more in depth discussion, please would you make a separate appointment with the individual teacher. Attendance by your son/daughter is preferred, although not compulsory.

Parents who book up first will have the most flexibility. If you do not have easy access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

Please follow the Parents' Evening Bookings link under News and Events on the school website, or click on the link below:

BOOK APPOINTMENTS

We advise you to book as soon as possible.

Unfortunately it will not be possible to book appointments with Miss Christie for ICT, therefore please contact Mrs Bristow, Sixth Form Administrator, on kim.bristow@furzeplatt.net who will arrange for you to receive a progress report if you wish to receive an update.

If you have any problems, please contact the school office on 01628 625308.

We look forward to seeing you.

Mr J Dollery

Head of Sixth Form

INSET DAY REMINDER

FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

Please note: school will be closed to students all day.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

Tonight

FRI 23
NOVEMBER

Big Quiz Night (Main Hall)

Starts
7.30pm

EVENT TAKING PLACE TONIGHT

BOOK TICKETS

Next Week (Week 2)

TUES 27
NOVEMBER

Year 12 Warwick University
(Psychology in Action Study Day)

All Day

THU 29
NOVEMBER

Year 10 - Theatre Trip - Blood
Brothers

4.30pm -
11.30pm

Careers & Higher Education Fair

6pm - 8pm

FRI 30
NOVEMBER

INSET DAY

All Day

Years 7, 8 and 9 trip to English
Netball - London

12.30pm

Forthcoming Events

THU 6
DECEMBER

Year 12 Parents' and Students'
Consultation Evening

4.30pm -
6.30pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/19 AND 2019/20

PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS / CARERS

Please can parents and carers be courteous when picking up and dropping off at the front of school. We recognise that this area can get congested at the start and end of the day. However, often cars back up onto the road stopping the traffic flow. This annoys fellow drivers and also causes congestion and potential health and safety dangers for students walking to and from school.

Longer term and as part of our site improvement work the council will be improving the layout at the front of the school but in the meantime we thank you for your support.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

YEAR
11

THURSDAY 10TH JANUARY 6PM - 9PM

You are invited to the Sixth Form Open Evening being held on Thursday 10th January 2019 from 6pm - 9pm. The primary purpose of this meeting is to inform you of the full range of opportunities available to those wishing to take courses post 16.

We are very proud of our Sixth Form and its record of high achievement. The evening should provide students with the information they need to make informed choices when selecting their courses. The new prospectuses will be available on this evening and the online application process will also go live from this date.

Closing date for applications is Friday 15th February 2019.



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 10TH JANUARY 2019

6PM - 9PM

CAREERS & HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR - THURSDAY 6PM - 8PM

Careers & Higher Education Fair

CHEF 2018

Thursday 29th November

THIS THURSDAY

PLEASE SEE AD ON PAGE 5 FOR MORE INFORMATION

BREAK TRIAL

W/C 26TH NOVEMBER

Next week we will be trialling all our students having the same break times. Breaks will be at 11.15am and 1.45pm (current Year 9, 10 and 11 times) that week.

The reasons for this include:

Following the completion of the canteen work there is extra capacity for all students to buy food.

Less chance of noise around lessons when other students are on break.

All students being able to socialise at break times.

After the trial we will be seeking feedback as to which break arrangement is preferable.

PSYCHOLOGY TRIP TO WARWICK UNIVERSITY

TUESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Students who are going on the Warwick University trip on Tuesday should be aware of the following information:

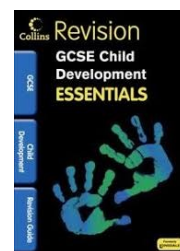
- 1) Be at the bicycle sheds by 7.15am for registration, the bus will leave at 7.30am promptly.
- 2) You will need a packed lunch, drinks and some money.
- 3) Do not forget to bring paper and a pen!

Mr C Marris and Miss R Paradowska, Psychology Department

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

REVISION GUIDES

Our Child Development department have obtained a set of revision guides for a discounted price of £3. They are a perfect revision tool for Years 10 and 11 Child Development students. We also encourage Year 9 students to get their copy early as they can already start using it for test revisions or to catch up with any work missed. Please discuss with your son/daughter if they already have a copy. Payments should be made via WisePay. Miss Paradowska can help with cash payments if your child brings in the correct change.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

We are proud to be hosting celebration assemblies this term where students (who have completed their Bronze & Silver awards in the last academic year) will collect their

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certificate and badge from a Duke of Edinburgh representative. If you have any photos of your child completing any of their sections, or from the expedition, we would be grateful if you could forward them to us at dofe@furzeplatt.net. If you have not given permission for your child's photograph to be used in our newsletter or on our website please can you do so here:

UPDATING STUDENT DETAILS

GOOD LUCK TO OUR ESAA FINALISTS

Best of luck to our Intermediate Boys (Years 9 and 10) XC team who are competing in the English Schools' Athletics Association (ESAA) Cup Final SW Regional Round tomorrow.

FURZE PLATT STUDENT IN FUNDRAISING BID

Well done to Emily Bristow (Year 12) who is aiming to help raise money for the Little Princess Trust by donating her hair. The Trust provide wigs free of charge to children and young people up to the age of 24 who have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses.

Emily has been inspired to help those suffering from cancer following the diagnosis of her father.



BEFORE

After

If you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause please visit:

WWW.LITTLEPRINCESSES.ORG.UK

YEAR 8 NETBALL

RBWM NETBALL LEAGUE

Congratulations to our Year 8 Netball A Team, who won four games in the second round of the RBWM netball league on Wednesday. They demonstrated excellent team work and enthusiasm throughout and were even praised by a member of staff from another school for their sportsmanship and honesty. They were a credit to the school throughout – well done to them all.

The team: Caitlin Roberts, Macey Yazdi, Phoebe Forward, Tilly Adaway, Isabelle Phipps, Sofia Blake, Ellie Ovens and Niamh McCallion.



Three lucky winners will win £200 each at tonight's Quiz Night, good luck to everyone who has bought their numbers – it might be you!

MONTHLY PAYMENTS (£5 PER MONTH)

ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)



REMINDERS

DUKE OF EDINBURGH IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please can you ensure any outstanding balances are paid in full via your son / daughter's WisePay account. Thank you.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH INFORMATION

COLLECTING ART COURSEWORK AND EXAM WORK

If you are in Years 11, 12 or 13 and you have not collected your Art coursework or exam work from last year, you need to do so within the next two weeks.

Unfortunately, we have very limited storage so any work not collected will be disposed of at that point.

Please contact Miss S Curtis-Thompson to arrange collection or if you have any queries.

If you know of someone who this applies to and might not receive this newsletter please pass the message on. Thank you.

THE BIG QUIZ 7

Friday 23rd November 2018

7.30pm - 10.30pm

At Furze Platt Senior School in the Main Hall

Featuring music, trivia, and picture questions as well as two 'team challenges'.

£15

per person

MAX.6

people per table

But you can book in any numbers from 1-6 and we'll find teams for you.

FOOD

Giant Pan Catering from
Ashridge Delicious

Paella, Tartiflette, Champignons Forestiere and Cassoulet

PLUS

bar & prize raffle

BOOK TICKETS

PTFA
Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

**FURZE
PLATT**
SENIOR SCHOOL

Careers & Higher Education Fair



CHEF 2018

Thursday 29th November 2018
6pm – 8pm

Our sixth Careers and Higher Education Fair will be held across the school with representatives from a number of universities, employers and apprenticeships showing how our students can access various career and higher education paths.

This event is designed to bring students from Years 9-13, and their parents, together with a wide range of employers and universities. This will enable students to consider which jobs and university courses they are most interested in, and to work out which qualifications and skills they will need to develop. Of course, students' ideas constantly change and evolve; the purpose of this Fair is to give students new opportunities to test out their latest thoughts by hearing from industry and university experts.

Our Careers and Higher Education Fair offers presentations and workshops, information on gap years, overseas development, apprenticeships, careers advice and visits from a number of prestigious universities and employers. We have representatives from a wide range of employers including architects, bankers, building services, computing, construction, Emergency and Armed Forces, engineering, estate agents, fashion, healthcare, journalism, law, retail, science, social care and teaching.

We welcome a range of keynote speakers this year on the following topics:

Why go to university? - Portsmouth University. The benefits of Higher Education; Life as a student.

Apprenticeships - ASK Apprenticeships. Find out how apprenticeships have changed. They are now available at four different levels, up to degree level, and in 1500 job roles.

Careers in Computing - British Computing Society. Hear about the sort of jobs likely to be available in Computing/IT in the near future.

The NHS - make a difference, be compassionate- community and mental health services - Berkshire NHS Trust. Find out about the variety of careers, both medical and non-medical, available in the NHS

Talks last for 15-20 minutes and are repeated over the evening for maximum attendance.

Presentations, talks and workshops will be held in the Main Hall, Gym and Library, with the talks in H1-4. PTFa refreshments will be available from the Café.

We look forward to seeing you there.

PRELIMINARY CHEF PROGRAMME